

Subject: Feedback on C condition

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During the M1.2 assessment in July 2008, the assessors (Ir. Klooster and I) reached various conclusions about Emar's work.

I quote:

***Overall growth as a designer***

*(e.g. strong & weak points, opportunities and threats)*

*Emar we are convinced that you have great talents to become an academic designer. We see clever intuitive insights coming forward in your work, with very promising results. Your work is also very much appreciated, bringing very useful new insights in the development of TouchMeDare. Besides that you are a very hard worker; you put a lot of effort in overcoming different practical problems in doing this research. We see a vivid interest in and passion for design and it is pleasant to work with you.*

*The point however is that you cannot yet demonstrate that you can shape and steer your own process. We miss a clear line of and vision on the development in the project and the communication of the complete and coherent picture. We see a lack of clear definition and motivation of the (combination of) steps that were taken. Also a more thorough and complete analysis and conclusion on the different actions during the project are missing. In addition the communication and documentation of your work kept being very fragmented and unfinished, during the project and in your final report and presentation. We finally are disappointed by your meagre comparative analysis and presentation of the results that came from your great hybrid information system.*

Ir. Klooster and I formulated a C-condition which Emar had to fulfill in order to show he was able to improve on the mentioned weaknesses. As Ir. Klooster left the department I am at present the only original assessor that can comment on the way in which Emar fulfilled his C-condition.

I examined the deliverable that Emar handed in to fulfill these conditions.

These were entirely to my satisfaction. I mainly concentrated on the report as this is the most important issue for me. I found the rewritten report had improved considerably: it

was far more structured and readable and more importantly I do feel that I was quite able to understand and appreciate his design process from this report. A strong aspect of the report is that it is illustrated well, and that it communicates the richness of the process from which it is derived. I therefore conclude that the C conditions have been fulfilled.

I would like to conclude with some recommendations to Emar:

In several places your report contains enumerations of various types: reasons, disadvantages, system components, design activities etc. In such cases it often good practice to use a bullet list to give a reader a clear overview. You can then, later, explain the various points in more detail.

Another recommendation is to clearly separate the parts of your text where you reflect on your own activities from the parts that simply describe those activities itself. For a reader it is sometimes difficult to get a clear view of what you did when the descriptions of these activities are too often interrupted by considerations and ruminations.

Just tell the reader why you engage in activity, and then tell him what you did. Then consider your findings, and determine your next step.

Kind Regards

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